

Mary Lou Terrien

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To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: HRC 28 public comment
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Dear Mary Lou Terrien,
Below is a message to the House Committee on Local Government re: HRC 28. I've also attached it as a Word document.
Thank you for transmitting this public opinion to the Committee.

Sincerely,
Kay Losey

Dec. 1, 2016
Re: HRC 28

Dear Members of the House Committee on Local Government,

I am writing as a citizen of West Michigan (Grand Rapids, Cascade Township) in opposition to HCR 28, which asks the federal government to stop refugee placements until it is able "to comply" with screening and security checks.

This resolution is an unnecessary waste of taxpayer and government official time (including that of our elected representatives) as they do not provide any acceptable proof that the current legal requirements are not being met. Therefore, there is NO NEED for this resolution.

The only purpose of this resolution appears to be to create a hostile environment for our existing refugee community and to discourage future refugees. This behavior is counter to our core American values of welcoming all to our shores, as suggested by the famous phrase on the Statue of Liberty, "Give us your tired, your poor. Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...."

I encourage you to act in a way that can make us proud of ourselves and make us exemplary role models and world citizens. All people deserve the right to be treated with respect and dignity, especially those who are escaping regimes that threaten them politically. We are seen as a beacon of freedom throughout the world. We should live up to our ideals in our actions, not just our words.

Sincerely,
Kay Losey
Cascade Township